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To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
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Subject: Scheme Guidelines for Implementation of Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme – Component-II: Incentive for Procurement of Green Hydrogen Production (under Mode-2B) of the National Green Hydrogen Mission

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for Scheme for Procurement of Green Hydrogen under Mode-2B of the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).

2. The objectives of the Scheme are as follows:
 - i. To maximize production of Green Hydrogen in India.
 - ii. Enhance cost-competitiveness of Green Hydrogen vis-a-vis fossil-based alternatives.
 - iii. Encourage large scale utilization of Green Hydrogen.
3. The Scheme will be implemented as per the detailed Guidelines given at **Annexure**.
4. The expenditure on this scheme will be met from the budget provisions made under the National Green Hydrogen Mission Head.
5. The Scheme will be implemented by Oil & Gas companies and Centre for High Technology (CHT), i.e. the Implementing Agencies nominated by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). The implementation agencies will aggregate demand and call for bids for production and supply of Green Hydrogen at the lowest cost for a single refinery or multiple refineries, through a competitive selection process with the incentive being fixed.
6. This is issued in exercise of the powers conferred on this Ministry and with the concurrence of IFD vide their Diary. No. 387 dated 16 January 2024.



7. This is issued with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister, New and Renewable Energy.

Yours faithfully,



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Enclosed: Annexure

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Scheme Guidelines for implementation of "Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme — Component II: Incentive Scheme for Green Hydrogen Production and Supply (under Mode 2B)" of the National Green Hydrogen Mission

1. Introduction

1.1. The Union Cabinet has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of Rs. 19,744 crore up to FY 2029-30. The Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) programme is a major financial measure under the Mission, with an outlay of Rs. 17,490 crore. The programme proposes two distinct financial incentive mechanisms to support domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers and production of Green Hydrogen. These incentives are aimed at enabling rapid scale-up, technology development and cost reduction.

1.2. There could be several modes for the implementation of the 'Incentive Scheme for Green Hydrogen Production'. These are presently identified as follows:

Mode 1: Bidding on least incentive demanded over the three-year period, through a competitive selection process.

Mode 2: Aggregation of demand and calling for bids for production and supply of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives at the lowest cost through a competitive selection process.

Mode 2 can be of following types:

- **Mode 2A:** The implementation agency/agencies shall aggregate demand and call for bids for production and supply of Green Ammonia at the lowest cost through a competitive selection process with the incentive being fixed.
- **Mode 2B:** The implementation agency/ agencies shall aggregate demand and call for bids for production and supply of Green Hydrogen at the lowest cost for a single refinery or multiple refineries, as decided by the Implementing Agency, through a competitive selection process with the incentive being fixed.

1.3. This document lays down the framework for the proposed incentives for production and supply of Green Hydrogen under Mode 2B.

2. **Title of Scheme:** Incentive Scheme for Green Hydrogen Production and Supply (under Mode 2B)

3. **Outlay for Incentive Scheme for Production of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives (all modes):** Rs. 13,050 Crore

4. **Objectives:**

- i. To maximize production of Green Hydrogen in India.
- ii. Enhance cost-competitiveness of Green Hydrogen vis-a-vis fossil-based alternatives.
- iii. Encourage large scale utilization of Green Hydrogen.

5. **Implementation Methodology:** The scheme will be implemented through a transparent selection process for award of incentives, details of which are furnished in this Section.

5.1. **Implementing Agency**

5.1.1. The Scheme under Mode 2B will be implemented by the Oil & Gas companies and Centre for High Technology (CHT), i.e. the Implementing Agencies nominated by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). Each Oil & Gas company will aggregate demand and call for bids for production and supply of Green Hydrogen at the lowest cost for its single refinery or multiple refineries. CHT will be responsible for providing secretarial, managerial and implementation support and carrying out other responsibilities as assigned by MoPNG from time to time. The responsibilities of Oil & Gas companies, inter alia, include receipt of applications, examination and appraisal of applications as per the provisions of the scheme, issuing acknowledgements and letters of award to applicants while the responsibilities of CHT, inter alia, includes examination of beneficiaries' claims for incentive disbursement, verifying and reconciliation of disbursement claims with prescribed documents, compilation of data regarding progress and performance of scheme through Quarterly Review Reports and other documents. CHT will also submit quarterly progress reports to MNRE through MoPNG, including details of claims received for incentive disbursement, amounts disbursed, reasons for delay in disbursement of incentives, if any. Administrative charges equal to 0.5% of the

incentive amount shall be disbursed, distributed equally between the concerned Oil & Gas Company and CHT, on annual basis.

5.1.2. CHT will have the right to carry out physical inspection of a beneficiary's production plants. It may take help from third-party agencies for verification of technical parameters. If required, MNRE/ MoPNG may also designate National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited labs or other third-party certification agencies, etc. for such verification.

5.2. **Green Hydrogen Standard**

5.2.1. To qualify for incentives under the scheme, the bidder must ensure that the Green Hydrogen produced and supplied aligns with the detailed criteria outlined in the 'National Green Hydrogen Standard' notified by MNRE.

5.3. **Guiding Principles**

- i. Under the scheme, a direct incentive in terms of Rs/kg of Green Hydrogen produced and supplied will be provided for a period of 3 years from the date of commencement of Green Hydrogen production and supply.
- ii. Beneficiaries under the scheme will be selected through a competitive selection process.
- iii. The incentive will be Rs. 50/kg of Green Hydrogen in the first year of production and supply, Rs. 40/kg during the second year of production and supply and Rs. 30/kg during the third year of production and supply.
- iv. The bidder shall be required to produce the Green Hydrogen capacity quoted for supply. Trading/ arbitrage is not allowed under the Scheme.
- v. Same quantum of production and supply of hydrogen and its derivatives cannot get incentive under two different modes of SIGHT Scheme. For e.g., if a bidder gets incentive under Mode 1 of SIGHT Scheme for Green Hydrogen production, incentive under Mode 2B can only be claimed for additional capacity, over and above the capacity on which incentive is claimed under Mode 1.

- vi. The point of delivery shall be at the respective refinery battery limit. Supplier shall be responsible for the delivery of product to the Point of Delivery, including storage and transportation.
- vii. The incentives under this Scheme are available for quantum as specified in Para 5.4.5 (i). However, implementing agencies may invite bids for higher capacities; if required. The capacities awarded beyond the quantum specified in Para 5.4.5 (i) will not be eligible for incentives under this Scheme.

5.4. Selection of Bidders for award of Incentives

5.4.1. The details of selection process of bidders for award of incentives under Mode 2B is outlined in this section.

5.4.2. **Bidding Process:** Oil & Gas Companies will invite bids for competitive selection under this mode. The bidders will be required to quote the following:

- a. Annual production capacity of Green Hydrogen to be supplied for which incentive is sought. The capacity quoted should be constant over the period of the Hydrogen Purchase Agreement (HPA) (in thousand Metric Tonnes {MT}); and
- b. Price quoted in Rs. / kg for the supply of the Green Hydrogen (exclusive of taxes)

5.4.3. Selection Process

- a. Qualified bidder(s) will be allocated capacities in the order of the **Quoted Price of Supply** (in Rs. /kg). It must be noted that only a single price should be quoted by the suppliers for production and supply of Green Hydrogen over the period of HPA.
- b. The bidder quoting the least price of supply will be allocated its admissible capacity first. Subsequently, the bidder quoting the next lowest price of supply will be allocated its admissible capacity, continuing until the total available capacity is exhausted.
- c. In the event where two or more bidders quote the exact same price of production and supply of Green Hydrogen, these tied bids would be prioritized

based on the bidder quoting a higher quantum of bid capacity. If bid capacities are also equal, the bidders will be assigned the same ranking and allotted equal capacities.

Illustration

1. *If the price of supply quoted by bidder 1, which is lowest among all bids, is Rs. 200/kg of Green Hydrogen; and the price of supply quoted by bidder 2 which is second lowest, is Rs. 210/kg of Green Hydrogen, then Bidder 1 will be first allocated the quoted bid capacity.*
2. *In case of tie between two bidders with same price of supply quoted, say, Rs. 200/kg and same bid capacities (e.g. 50,000 MT per annum); then they will be awarded equal capacities depending on the quantum of unallocated capacity, up to a maximum of 50,000 MT per annum each, as bid.*

d. Each successful bidder shall be eligible for SIGHT incentives as per the quantum allocated under these guidelines.

5.4.4. Eligibility for Bidding

- i. The Net Worth of the Bidder as on the last date of previous Financial Year, as specified in the tender document should be equal to or greater than Rs. 15 crore per thousand MT per annum of quoted production and supply capacity of Green Hydrogen.
- ii. The bidder can be a single company or a Joint Venture/ Consortium of more than one company. The Bidder may seek qualification on the basis of financial capability of its Affiliate(s) for the purpose of meeting the qualification requirements.

5.4.5. Capacity Allocation

- i. The capacity available for bidding under the Tranche I of Mode 2B is 2,00,000 MT per annum of Green Hydrogen. Additional capacity of

Green Hydrogen, may be decided by MNRE for subsequent tranches, if any.

- ii. MoPNG may specify a minimum capacity below which bids will not be accepted. MoPNG may also specify a cap or maximum capacity that can be allocated to a single bidder.
- iii. MoPNG can allocate and distribute the overall declared capacity, as specified in para 5.4.5 (i) among various oil and gas companies.
- iv. Any unallocated capacity during the Tranche I could be carried over to the subsequent tranche.
- v. The above limits are indicative and can be modified by MNRE in consultation with MoPNG, as per the requirement.

5.5. Payment of incentives to successful bidders

5.5.1. The incentive payout for successful bidders will be calculated as follows:

Incentive payout in a given year = (Incentive for that year in Rs/kg of Green Hydrogen) x (Allocated capacity or Actual Production and Supply in the year, in kg, whichever is lower)

5.5.2. Allocated capacity will remain constant over the period of the Hydrogen Purchase Agreement. Incentive shall be disbursed to each successful bidder on an annual basis, after the requisite claim is received from the successful bidder, and duly submitted by CHT through MoPNG.

5.6. Timelines for Commissioning

5.6.1. The successful bidders, allotted capacities under the scheme, must commence manufacturing in accordance with the timelines mentioned in the bid document.

5.7. Penalties

5.7.1. Bidders will have to submit, at the time of bid submission, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as prescribed in the tender document. The tender document will inter-alia, contain provisions regarding forfeiture of EMD in case of selected bidder refusing to submit the requisite documents/Performance Bank Guarantees (PBG)/or

other similar Performance Guarantee instruments as per tender document/ extant guidelines or the selected bidder not meeting eligibility criteria upon submission of documents.

5.7.2. Successful Bidders will have to submit Performance Bank Guarantees (PBG)/ other similar Performance Guarantee Instruments, at the time of accepting the award as prescribed in the tender document. In case of default or delay in commissioning, commensurate bank guarantees will be forfeited by the respective Oil & Gas Company, as penalty. Proceeds of encashment of EMD/ PBG/ Performance Guarantee instruments and accrued interest shall be remitted by implementing agency to the Consolidated Fund of India as per rule-230(8) of GFR. Detailed modalities in this regard will be specified in tender documents.

5.7.3. Successful bidders will be required to sign a HPA with the procurers. The penalties for non-compliance of the HPA will be spelt out in the HPA. The disbursement of incentive will be linked to the adherence to the HPA by the supplier.

6. Monitoring

6.1. A Scheme Monitoring Committee (SMC) under the co-chairmanship of Secretary, MoPNG, and Secretary, MNRE, with Mission Director of National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) as one of its members and other experts as may be required for the purpose, shall periodically review the status of implementation/ performance of Green Hydrogen production and supply capacities awarded/ set up under the scheme. The Committee will also facilitate / recommend measures to resolve difficulties, if any.

7. Power to amend Scheme Guidelines

7.1. MNRE, in consultation with MoPNG, may make the necessary amendments in the Scheme Guidelines, as and when required, with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister of New & Renewable Energy.
